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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: H. Lowenheim Attorney Docket No.: SOPH116953  
Application No.: 09/622,719 Group Art Unit: 1635  
Filed: October 18, 2000 Examiner: K.A. Lacourciere  
Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE OR DISORDERS OF  
THE INNER EAR

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /  
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 9, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X   1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- X     An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
- X   2. Other documents enclosed are as follows:
- X     Second Declaration of Jonathan Kil (Attachment A).
- X     Curriculum Vitae of Jonathan Kil (Attachment B).
- X     Holley (2002) *Br. Med. J.* 63:157-169 (Attachment C).
- X     Clustal W Alignment (Attachment D).
- X   3. Small entity status is as follows
- X     Small entity status was previously asserted and continues to be appropriate.
- X   4. Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated February 13, 2004, set to expire on May 13, 2004, be extended by 1 month, to expire on June 13, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00.

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02 FC:2251 55.00 OP

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X   5. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.

  X   No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee		-		=	x			=	385
Total Claims	3	-	34	=	0	x	9	=	
Independent Claims	2	-	5	=	0	x	43	=	0
Extension of Time						+	55		55
TOTAL									\$440

  X   6. Check No.   155987   in the amount of \$440.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.

  X   7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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